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Community members march to promote peace

By Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

When a group of local community members and students gathered outside the city government building on Monterey Street last Saturday, their purpose wasn't to disturb the everyday routines of downtown San Luis Obispo. The goal was to walk for peace and to voice a united message that violence is not the only option.

"We need to get some facts first," said Jesse Arnold, a San Luis Obispo resident. "It would be like lynching people without a trial."

Most participants did not fit the typical image of young student protesters.

When enough people had gathered — about 150 — a calm, elderly woman stood on a street bench to announce the general objectives of the walk.

"Spread out," she said and asked for everyone to respect businesses and pedestrians. "Stop for traffic signals — we want to make sure our message is clear."

The procession was headed by a 6-foot-tall banner formed by four panels. Each side carried a different message — understanding, liberation, compassion and awareness. Others carried simple signs with messages such as:

bread not bombs for the Afghans, evidence first blitz last, and my religion is kindness.

"Traitors! You are all traitors," said a man as he encountered the peace demonstration.

Most people simply watched expressionless, while some smiled and some honked.

"This isn't just us," said Susan Malanche, a journalism sophomore. "When things like this happen it is obvious that not many people want to go to war. This is the people, not the government, talking."

Malanche carried a black ribbon tied around her arm, a symbol of mourning.

"Should we do nothing then about what happened in New York?" said a woman to her companion, as they walked by the procession. Another woman said, "I bet none of those people know anyone who died in New York."

No one reacted to the comments. The demonstrators held their signs and smiled at all those around them.

"We must become the change we want to see in the world," read the backs of a few students' shirts.

Pablo Paster, a manufacturing engineering junior and member of the Progressive Student Alliance, said he believed the government's decision to wage a war against terrorism would



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Cal Poly food science professor Tom Neuhaus, left, holding the 'Violence' sign, his wife, Eve, holding the 'Begets' sign, and Dan Miller, holding the 'Violence' sign, march through the Mission during the Peace Walk last Saturday.

only escalate the cycle of violence.

"We need to look at what causes terrorism, try to stop it where it starts, not just try to stop the consequences of patriotism against the United States," he said.

The walkers returned to the starting point after tracing a 10-block loop.

"It's been said 'don't disturb the sleeping giant,'" said Christine Mulholland, city councilwoman and a San Luis Obispo resident, once the

procession had reached its destination.

"In this case the giant is peace. We've tried war for 5,000 years and we haven't changed anything. It's time for peace and diplomacy."



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Sudden departure still stumping Poly

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY OPINION EDITOR

Campus officials have no new comments on why the head of the mechanical engineering department unexpectedly left Cal Poly in the middle of summer quarter.

Safwat Moustafa, chair of the largest department at the university for nearly eight years, left Cal Poly on Aug. 1. At the time, he was teaching classes and advising students on senior projects, along with his duties of running the department. As reported in The Tribune on Aug. 15, students had no idea that Moustafa was planning to leave or had any suggestions as to why he would leave.

Jeff Bliss, director of public affairs, said he could not provide a reason for the sudden absence.

"All I can tell you is that he is no longer employed at Cal Poly," he said. Mechanical engineering professor

William Clark is interim department head. Clark said a search for a new chair is a possibility, but that he would stay in the position at least until the end of fall quarter. The decision is ultimately up to the College of Engineering.

Moustafa had taught at Cal Poly since 1984. In addition to his academic involvement, he chaired a Los Angeles-based company, Sun Utility Network (SUN).

One of Moustafa's accomplishments as chairman of SUN was the development of a 30,000 gallon-per-day Solar Multistage Flash Desalination System for remote eco-resort developments, according to the company's Web site. It uses "SUN's high-temperature solar evacuated tubes and/or a solar salt pond technology."

As reported in the Aug. 16 Summer Mustang, there had been rumors circulating about possible FBI investigations on campus connected to Moustafa's departure. However, officials on and off campus could not confirm whether or not an investigation was even taking place. It is the policy of the FBI not to release that information until an arrest has been made, so agents will not address questions in regard to a possible investigation.



Safwat Moustafa
Former ME department head

Student visas may face six-month moratorium

By Ben Heath
DAILY TEXAN

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is considering proposing a six-month moratorium on all student visas to ensure national security, aides said.

This comes shortly after federal investigators learned that at least one of the terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks was in the United States on a student visa. The moratorium would stall the authorization of new visas for the next six months.

"It's just one of a number of options we are considering," said Scott Gerber, Feinstein's spokesman. "She's concerned about whether people will abuse (student visas) to get into the country illegally."

Kitty Villa, an assistant director at the University of Texas International Office, said if such a policy goes into effect, there could be some dangerous implications for students.

"The broadest implication is that many graduate departments may have difficulty bringing in new students," Villa said. "(At this point), a moratorium would not affect the fall

semester, but it might create an atmosphere in which students might feel that there's no point in making plans to study here if they think they can't get a visa."

Of the 11,358 graduate students enrolled at the university last fall, 2,699 were international students.

Though legislators and officials are looking for any possible way to improve security, the screening process for student visa applicants is already fairly tight, and the government is working to fill in any holes, said Valerie Chittenden, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

Students applying for a student visa must meet a number of requirements, ranging from financial and educational qualifications to a computer background check and a personal interview with a state department official.

"Our computer system is set up to where an applicant cannot be issued a visa without the background check being done," Chittenden said. "Also, if there are any violations on the record, a visa cannot be issued."

After the student has received a visa, he or she can still be rejected

and sent back by the Immigration and Naturalization Service if there are any security concerns. Villa stressed the importance of strengthening the current policies rather than completely stopping the flow of students from other nations.

"We need to look carefully at the mechanisms already in place," she said. "That makes more sense than to decide to cut off all international exchange. To assume that anyone coming from another country is a part of the problem is not a measured approach."

With an estimated 4,500 international students currently attending the University, any federal measure that may reduce or stop the issuance of student visas can have a serious impact, Villa said.

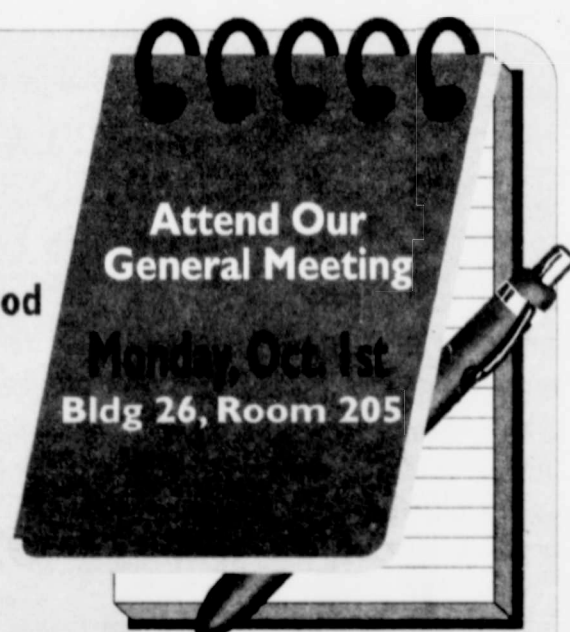
"We are already concerned about the impact (of the attack) on international enrollment," Villa said. "It will be very important for graduate departments to act quickly and make admissions decisions to allow students ample time to (apply). Everyone expects closer scrutiny of applications for student visas, and we should be sure it is moderated with reason."

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We all deal with these emotions differently. Some react with great sorrow, some with anger toward the attackers. However, we cannot let this anger affect innocent people around us.

The core of the college campus should be the place where we search for enlightenment and understanding. Close to us there are examples of brutality, anger and hatred toward Middle Eastern students. These have

been witnessed at college campuses nearby.

Both Santa Barbara City College and Long Beach State have witnessed the effects of intolerance and ignorant aggression directed at Middle Eastern students. At Santa Barbara, a Saudi Arabian student was brutally attacked while walking near his home last week. Fearing a possible backlash, close to 100 international students at Long Beach State returned to their homes at their parents' request.

So far, Cal Poly has escaped these kinds of horrible incidents.

Let's keep it that way.

It is time for us to find out the causes of this terrible tragedy. We need to learn how and what caused it to make sure it does not happen again.

Letters to the editor

Student voices can make a difference

Editor,

The attack on the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11 was also an attack on humanity. Additionally, the global movement toward peace and justice that began with mass protests in Seattle in 1999 has been dramatically set back. Now it is more imperative than ever for the progressive minded to make their voices heard. But it is difficult to elevate the call for a peaceful solution above the violent and emotional war rhetoric.

In the past, student movements have brought an end to segregation and the Vietnam War. History has shown that organized students have the power to bring about change in government policies. It is critical for dissenting

"History has shown that organized students have the power to bring about change in government policies."

student voices to be heard during this time of crisis, for our silence would only give consent to the government's push toward war. And as the rhetoric about "freedom-haters" and "senseless attacks" bounces around the media, a great deal of history is being ignored, history that must be understood if we wish to truly eradicate terrorism.

If we are going to prevail against terrorism, we must get to the root of the problem and examine the causes of anti-American sentiment worldwide rather than launching blind retaliation against an invisible enemy. U.S. foreign policy has continually enraged sectors of the globe. The U.S. government has

supported corrupt leaders in Iran, has an unwanted military presence in Saudi Arabia, and has uncompromisingly supported Israel, even in the face of all of its human rights violations. While a violent backlash against the United States is irrational and can never be justified, the American people cannot be too surprised when the imperialist policies of their government incite a foreign group to action.

Furthermore, talk of waging war upon Afghanistan ignores the history and current status of that region. The Afghan people suffer under an oppressive, fanatical regime that denies them basic human rights. They are also victims of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden. A military strike against

Afghanistan would only hurt people who have already endured years of terrorism from their own rulers. It would not punish the perpetrators, and

certainly would not stop the anti-American sentiment rampant in that part of the world. It would only inflame it further. And the American people should remember that the Taliban, now considered our enemy, was given \$43 million in May by President George W. Bush in the interest of fighting drugs (Robert Scheer, Los Angeles Times, May 22, 2001). The Taliban has been traditionally supported by the United States since its inception in the early 1990s. One must ask: Who are we currently supporting that could turn on us this violently in the future?

Progressive Student Alliance is a club on campus.

Military action would be immoral

Editor,

Like everyone else, I demand justice for the victims of the hideous terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. However, I do not support any military action by the United States that would amount to waging a war against innocent civilian populations anywhere. We must avoid another Gulf War, in which, through bombing raids and continuing sanctions, hundreds of thousands of women and children lost and continue to lose their lives. This kind of genocidal warfare against an entire people is indefensible, morally wrong and actually puts us in the same category with the terrorists. It is my belief that the U.S. strategy of infrastructure destruction during the Gulf War has contributed to the causes of

Tuesday's attacks.

In addition, military retaliation of any sort would breed more retaliation against us. Moreover, it would cause more moderate factions within the Islamic world to join forces with the radical groups, like Osama bin Laden's. I strongly believe that another war would only continue the vicious cycle of violence with terrible consequences to innocent people in countries all over the world, including our own.

If the United States wants to be a moral leader in the world and wants to protect its own citizens at the same time, it must abdicate its own violent ways. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "If you want to change the world you must start with yourself."

If we don't break the cycle of violence, who will?

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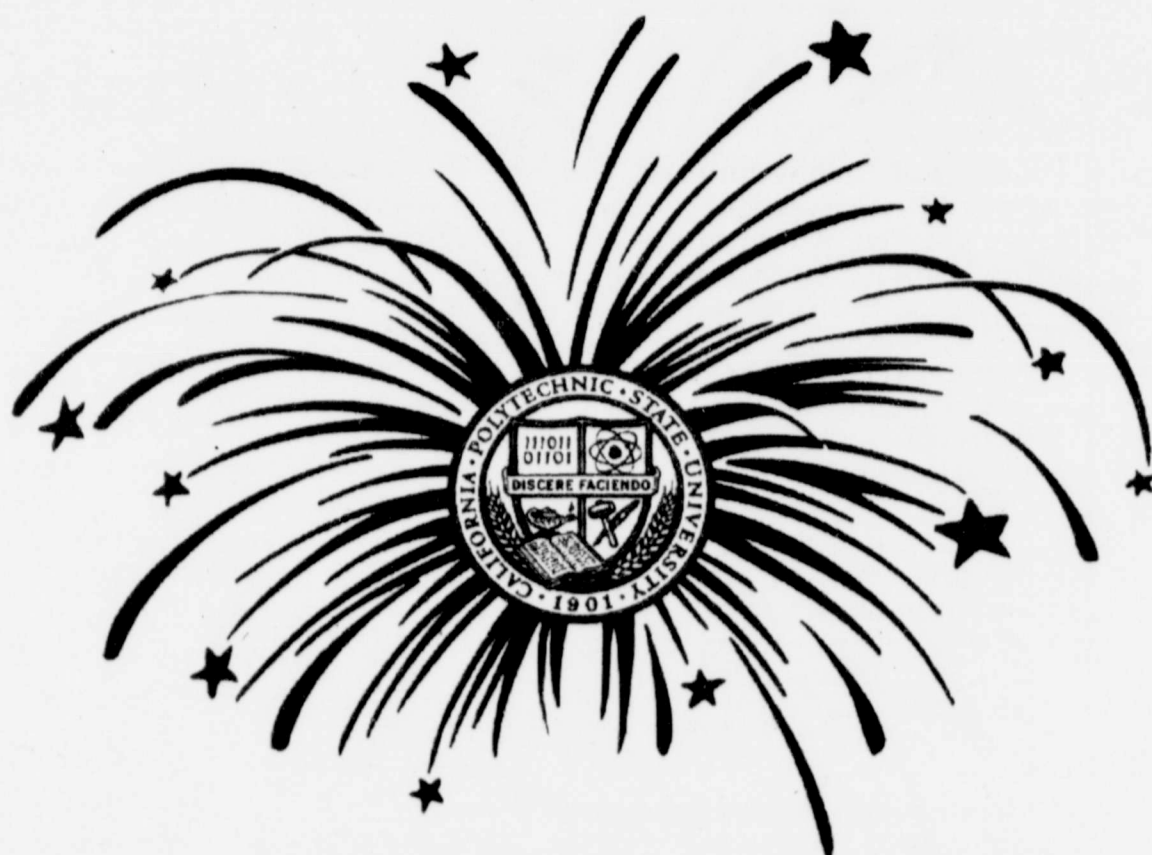
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Friday, September 28, 2001

**9:45 a.m. Academic Procession, Christopher Cohan
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including representatives of colleges and universities
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university officials, pipers and drummers for an
academic procession in full academic regalia.

10:30 a.m. Founders Convocation, Dexter Lawn. Hear
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Technology, and music by the Cal Poly University
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an afternoon full of fun, picnic fare, desserts, live
music, games, student contests, a Townball
tournament and more.

Campus reacts to terrorist attacks

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

On Sept. 11, terrorists attacked America. Images from the past two weeks are something people worldwide will have a hard time forgetting any time soon — the unbelievable pictures of flaming towers, vaporized airplanes, ash-covered figures running for their lives. The event has affected citizens around the globe, from far-away Europe to a place more close to home, Cal Poly.

The day after the planes crashed, campus officials had already come together with a plan to help students and staff get through the emotional time. A reflection meeting was held in the Christopher Cohan Center of the Performing Arts Center with President Warren Baker, local clergy, community members, faculty and students discussing the event and taking time to express feelings on the recent tragedies.

"It was a time for members of the university community to come together and have a chance to reflect as a community on the events of (Sept. 11)," said Paul Zingg, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. "This kind of gathering was

appropriate (at this time). We told them about opportunities to help, to make any contributions."

The campus remained open on Sept. 11, but not for want of compassion.

"There was business that needed to be taken care of," said Jeff Bliss, director of public affairs. "We did not sense an immediate danger. It was not a cold decision."

Now that students have started classes, local agencies and organizations are gearing up to deal with concerns and questions that might be presented. University Police Chief Tony Aeilts said the department is extremely prepared to handle any situation similar to the attacks and feels the campus is secure.

"There's a system in place that goes all the way from a relatively small incident to a tremendous disaster where we need resources through the federal government," Aeilts said. "We are quite prepared, and that includes police agencies, fire agencies, and rescue resources. I think we're in a position where everybody is up to speed, ready to go. We're not in

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Contemplating the option of peace

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Images of billowing smoke and cascading concrete opened a forum Monday night in which Cal Poly students and staff gathered to reflect on the recent terrorist attacks. The events have brought attention to a need for healing and education.

Speakers from the political science, English and sociology departments reviewed the nation's actions and reactions since Sept. 11 and shared their views on which direction America should go.

For Maliha Zulfacar, a sociology professor, the possible links between the attack and Afghanistan are personal. Zulfacar is originally from Afghanistan and is afraid of any U.S. retaliation against the country. She said she believes the Taliban are the root cause of the Afghan plight.

"I plead with our leaders not to target the nation because of a self-imposed government," Zulfacar said. "The Taliban will run to the hills and Afghans will be victims again. Neither Afghans nor Islam teach such hatred."

The Taliban is a Muslim fundamentalist group that uses its militant authority to keep a stronghold on power in Afghanistan. Zulfacar referred to the Taliban as "monsters" and said it has "been making a living out of terrorism." During her presentation, Zulfacar showed pictures of impoverished and dismembered Afghan civilians, stating that the majority of Afghans are living under terrorism.

Even though the angered Taliban may be to blame for the attacks, English professor Steven Marx said America holds some of the responsi-

bility. Marx said the show of patriotism is a good sign but that now is the time to analyze America's foreign policy.

"I believe rallying around the flag is a good thing now ... but we need to pay attention to the symbolism of the attacks," Marx said. "(America) has closed its ears too often."

Most speakers sought to answer the question, "Why do they hate us?" Carl Lutrin, political science professor, said many other countries see America as the heir to French and British colonies. Lutrin also pointed out that the United States has a history of backing corrupt rulers.

Since Osama bin Laden is the prime suspect in the terrorist attacks, speakers also talked about his possible motivation and means to carry out the violence. Lutrin said bin Laden believes Palestine is an oppressed nation and resents America's support of Israel in the Middle East clashes.

"As a religious person, he (bin Laden) finds it horrifying that the U.S. has soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia," Lutrin said.

Associated Students Inc. President Angie Hacker gave a short presentation, expressing her grief and reminding students that they are the future.

"It's important to express yourself with both tolerance and respect - we make up the next generation," Hacker said.

Hacker also read an e-mail written by a native Afghan that compared bin Laden to Hitler, the Taliban to the Nazis and the Afghan people to persecuted Jews.

Speaker Steve Woodard, coordinator of the Multicultural Center, concentrated on addressing what can be

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Departments review possible change to semesters

By Michelle Hatfield and Collin Hester
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR AND MUSTANG DAILY
STAFF WRITER

After more than a year of consideration, Cal Poly has begun the process of compiling data that may switch the campus to semesters. A recent vote among academic departments is beginning to show support in keeping a quarter system.

In the fall 2000 quarter, California State University Chancellor Charles Reed asked non-semester campuses to consider the merits of a semester calendar in order that all CSU campuses be on the same calendar.

Following the end of the spring 2001 quarter, Cal Poly President Warren Baker requested all the academic departments to conduct an analysis based on the merits of the quarter versus the semester system. The analysis is surveying departments, programs and areas on campus to see how each feels about semesters. The latest university-wide count as of Tuesday had 15 departments favoring quarters, seven wanting a switch to semesters and three tied. Not all departments have responded.

Bonnie Long, executive assistant to the provost, said that each department of each college will submit its own report to the provost. The vote will be a head count of all faculty as well as having clear reasoning for why they voted the way they did. Departments have to submit reports by Friday, and the campus must give a report to the chancellor by Oct. 15, Long said.

Industrial engineering professor and Academic Senate Chair Unny Menon said that all the votes should be in on Thursday. "The general impression we get is to

remain on quarters," Menon said.

Proponents for changing to semesters argue that the system is more cost effective. Opponents want proof that such a switch would be beneficial academically.

Paul Zingg, provost and vice president of academic affairs, is handling the survey.

"What's happening now is that those reports from the departments are now coming in and the dean, Academic Senate and I are tabulating them," Zingg said. "The university hasn't communicated a campus decision yet."

In a week, a summary of the analysis will be released that illustrates which departments see semesters as beneficial.

"I've also asked all the administrative offices as well about their sense of benefit, their sense of costs so that all of those things will be taken into consideration, too," Zingg said.

A poll has not been taken of the faculty, only of the individual academic departments, Zingg said. He also said that no student input for this analysis has been sought as of yet.

"My understanding is that there is student input being gathered through the ASI (Associated Students Inc.)," Zingg said.

Zingg said he believes that Bob Detweiler in student affairs, in conjunction with ASI, is handling a student vote.

"I know that there is a process that has taken place or is about to take place that will record student opinion in this matter," Zingg said.

Fall of 1993 was the last time Cal Poly had been asked the question of which system, quarter or semester, it preferred, Zingg said.

DEPARTMENTS	QUARTERS	SEMESTERS	TIED
College of Agriculture			
Agriculture Education and Communication	X		
Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering	X		
Food Science and Nutrition	X		
Natural Resources Management	X		
Soil Science	X		
College of Architecture and Environmental Design			
Construction Management	X		
Landscape Architecture		X	
College of Business			
Economic Area			X
Finance Area			X
Global Strategy and Law Area	X		
Industrial Technology Area	X		
Management Area		X	
College of Engineering			
Aerospace Engineering	X		
Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering	X		
Mechanical Engineering	X		
College of Liberal Arts			
Art and Design	X		
Ethnic Studies		X	
History		X	
Modern Languages and Literatures	X		
Philosophy		X	
Political Science		X	
Speech Communication		X	
Theatre and Dance	X		
College of Science and Mathematics			
Kinesiology		X	
Statistics	X		
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*Tallies are as of Tuesday afternoon. Only departments that have turned in reports are listed.

"Overwhelmingly, students expressed their desire to stay on a quarter system. One-third of the faculty wanted to remain on the quarter system, one-third was for change and one-third was tied."

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A LETTER
FROM PRESIDENT
WARREN J. BAKER

To Cal Poly Faculty, Staff and Students:

The beginning of each academic year is typically a time of excitement and joy. New relationships are forged, existing ones are strengthened, and the entire campus community experiences renewal and growth. Whatever happiness occurs during this first week of classes and in the ensuing days to come, however, is sure to be tempered by the great sadness occasioned by the tragic events we all witnessed on September 11.

While the attacks on the East Coast left all of us stunned and saddened beyond words, we are uniting as never before — coming together in myriad ways to reclaim and rebuild. In this time of great national sorrow, it is uplifting to see so many people coming to the aid of their fellow Americans.

I am particularly proud of the manner in which many members of the Cal Poly community have worked to ease the pain and burdens of those people who have been directly affected by the tragic events in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. It has long been a hallmark of our nation — and our university community — that we come together to lend assistance to one another in our hours of greatest need. These past few days have been no different.

As we go forward in these troubling and uncertain times, we must continue to support one another. Counseling Services and the Employee Assistance Program are available for members of the campus community who encounter difficulty dealing with these circumstances. Both are located in the Student Health Center adjacent to the Rec Center. The Health Center phone number is ext. 6-2511.

It is vital, at times like this, that we not succumb to the fear and hatred the acts of terror were intended to provoke. Instead we must steadfastly affirm the fellowship and community of all Americans. We must remind ourselves that while we are a diverse nation, with people from all corners of the globe, we remain one country, dedicated to the idea of freedom and to the rule of reason and law.

We must also affirm our respect and appreciation for the great variety that characterizes the human condition around the world — for the differences in ethnic heritage, in faith and in philosophy. And we must resist the impulse to blame these terrible acts on any group, simply because of their ethnicity or beliefs. We must reject hate and maintain our unwavering commitment to the pursuit of mutual understanding, trust and fellowship.

Universities have a special responsibility and obligation to assert and defend the value of civil and reasoned discourse. As we have seen time and time again it is ultimately the only path to a just and enduring social order. Cal Poly this year marks its hundredth year of service to the people of the State of California. We are committed to preserve this institution as a bastion of reason, knowledge and enlightened understanding. The careful protection of these values offers our best hope for a future in which all peoples around the world can live and work together in peace and harmony.

Discrimination, harassment and intimidation of any individual on the basis of their ethnic or religious background are contrary to the values and policies of the University — and will not be tolerated.

If we are to honor the memories of those who have been lost and if we are to learn anything from these tragic events, then we must reaffirm the inherent value and dignity of every human life. I ask you to join me in these efforts.

Sincerely,

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Tasteless antics ruin mood of move-in activities

I vividly remember the day I arrived on the Cal Poly campus as an 18-year-old freshman more than 10 years ago. As the third of three children, my parents had long since given up their protectionist instincts, and our parting farewell was a simple wave as I backed

Commentary

out of the driveway. I drove the short trip from my Central Valley home alone, my car jam-packed with the possessions of youth, already reveling in my newfound freedom and excited about the life that awaited me. As I hauled my belongings up to my home for the next year, Yosemite Hall - Tower 7, I was caught off guard by the heartfelt family goodbyes going on around me. It may not have struck me then, but I now realize that in our modern American era, where youth and adulthood blur together, marriage is delayed long past one's teens, and military service is an optional choice made by only a few, that this day, the day a child leaves the nest, has become our culture's coming-of-age ritual.

Last week, I found myself on campus as a new freshman class arrived. Again an outside observer, I watched as children and parents departed in different directions, both realizing that their lives were changing in a fundamental way. For most parents, it is surely a scary day. The child that you have loved and agonized over, the child that has grown up before your own eyes, is now an adult, and his or her departure often leaves a void in the house that takes many years to fill.

Likewise, for many students, the prospect of leaving the comfort and familiarity of home, being on one's own for the first time in a new place with new people, is as scary as it is exciting. These trepidations are normal, and in normal times they typically dwindle, as the first days stretch into

weeks and the first quarter eases into the routine of being a college student. But these are obviously not normal times. I can only imagine how the usual anxiety, for both parent and child, was amplified this past weekend. Only a few days after our entire nation's outlook had been drastically altered, the members of this freshman class arrived to begin the most important chapter of their lives. The safe and secure world that existed only one week before was gone, lying in a pile of twisted metal and ash on the streets of New York City.

As I left campus the Saturday before **▼** WOW, pondering grief and loss, renewal and the powerful bonds of family, an absolutely astounding scene unfolded before me. In front of the last few houses along Grand Avenue, just before the entrance to campus and the dorm towers, shirtless, beer-guzzling guys sat in lawn chairs exulting the new crop of freshman girls to come on over to their place for a good time. As parents from across the state rolled into town, moving sons and daughters into dorm rooms, this was their initial greeting to their child's new home. For some of these greeters, their vocal catcalls to the new freshman girls were insufficient to get their point across, and on cardboard boxes in hand scrawled lettering, these were the messages that greeted the newest Mustangs: "Come meet your new son-in-law," and "daughter checkpoint, full body inspections here (free) and mom's too."

Now, to be sure, on most weekends of the year, I wouldn't have given much thought to these antics. Tasteless and rude, certainly, but on better days I may have chuckled over their sophomoric bravado. In fact, I have driven

by these same houses thousands of times during the past decade, and on dozens of occasions I have seen guys lounging outside, drinking beer and enjoying glorious, sunny afternoons. These afternoon porch parties have never evoked such a visceral response in the past. The only thing I've ever felt was a twinge of nostalgia, as my mind drifted back to my own college years, remembering those days when I had the time to sit around on sunny afternoons with nothing better to do than drink cheap beer and watch the girls go by.

But this was not just another sunny

think that this would be funny. It repulsed me that they couldn't restrain their bad taste on a day when most of the country stumbled around in numb silence, many still trying to track down lost loved ones, overwhelmed with the staggering reality that close to 5,000 bodies, 5,000 innocent civilians, were buried beneath a mountain of concrete and steel. One of the houses even had the audacity to fly the American flag, as if displaying patriotism and solidarity with the nation's grief by showing how freedom means that you enjoy the right to make a complete ass of your-

self, the right to have absolutely no idea what is going on around you.

For a few minutes I sat in my car and watched these morons whoop it up for each new female student that passed by. I actually considered turning my car around, barreling down Grand Avenue, and taking out their signs, if at least to confuse them for awhile and spare a few families from their inauspicious greeting. Quickly though, I remembered that this is, after all, a free country, and with all of the beauty that comes along with free speech, one must also endure the rants of fanatics and the tastelessness of idiots. More importantly, I realized that this incident portrays a sad but accurate microcosm of life on the Cal Poly campus, and that new students might as well learn that now. I attended Cal Poly when the Rodney King beating occurred, and during the riots and civil unrest that followed, I remember walking around campus for days simply amazed at the indifference of most students. I didn't even care what people had to say. Pro-cop. Anti-cop. Kill the rioters. Kill the police. It didn't matter. I just wanted someone to care enough

to say something. But little was said. And little has changed since then. Cal Poly, for all of its strengths, remains an apathetic campus, a sheltered world, where few of the ugly realities of life are allowed to intrude upon the cozy sanctuary of middle-class, suburban American youth in search of a good time and perhaps an education along the way.

Despite all of this, I say to the incoming class of students, don't despair. Surely, these tasteless guys don't represent the entirety of your new college campus. Welcome to Cal Poly. Welcome to San Luis Obispo. Shape it to your own liking. Make it your home, and create a better place than you found upon your arrival. Your college years may very well be the best years of your life. Live those years to the fullest, and don't spend too much time regretting the mistakes that you will make. Remember, though, that college is also a time to expand your horizons. Talk to someone unlike you have ever known, and truly listen. Put yourself in someone else's skin for a moment. Open yourself up to new ideas. Challenge your parents' way of thinking. Challenge your own way of thinking and decide for yourself what you believe. You have arrived here at a distressing moment in our country's history, unlike anything we have experienced in our lifetimes, but your years here can still be looked forward to with great promise and excitement. Enjoy yourself, enjoy your surroundings, and enjoy your friends. And by all means, spend more time savoring the beauty of life than grieving over the injustices of the world. But grow up enough along the way to recognize that there is a time for both.

Marc Lea is a 1993 Cal Poly alumnus and coach of the lacrosse team.

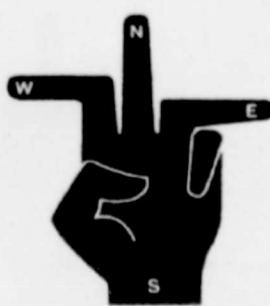
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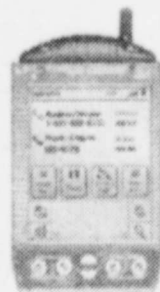
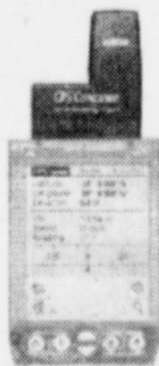
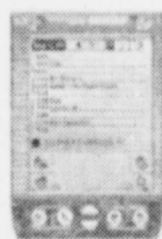
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It's good eats at new restaurant, Grappolo

By Jenifer Hansen

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

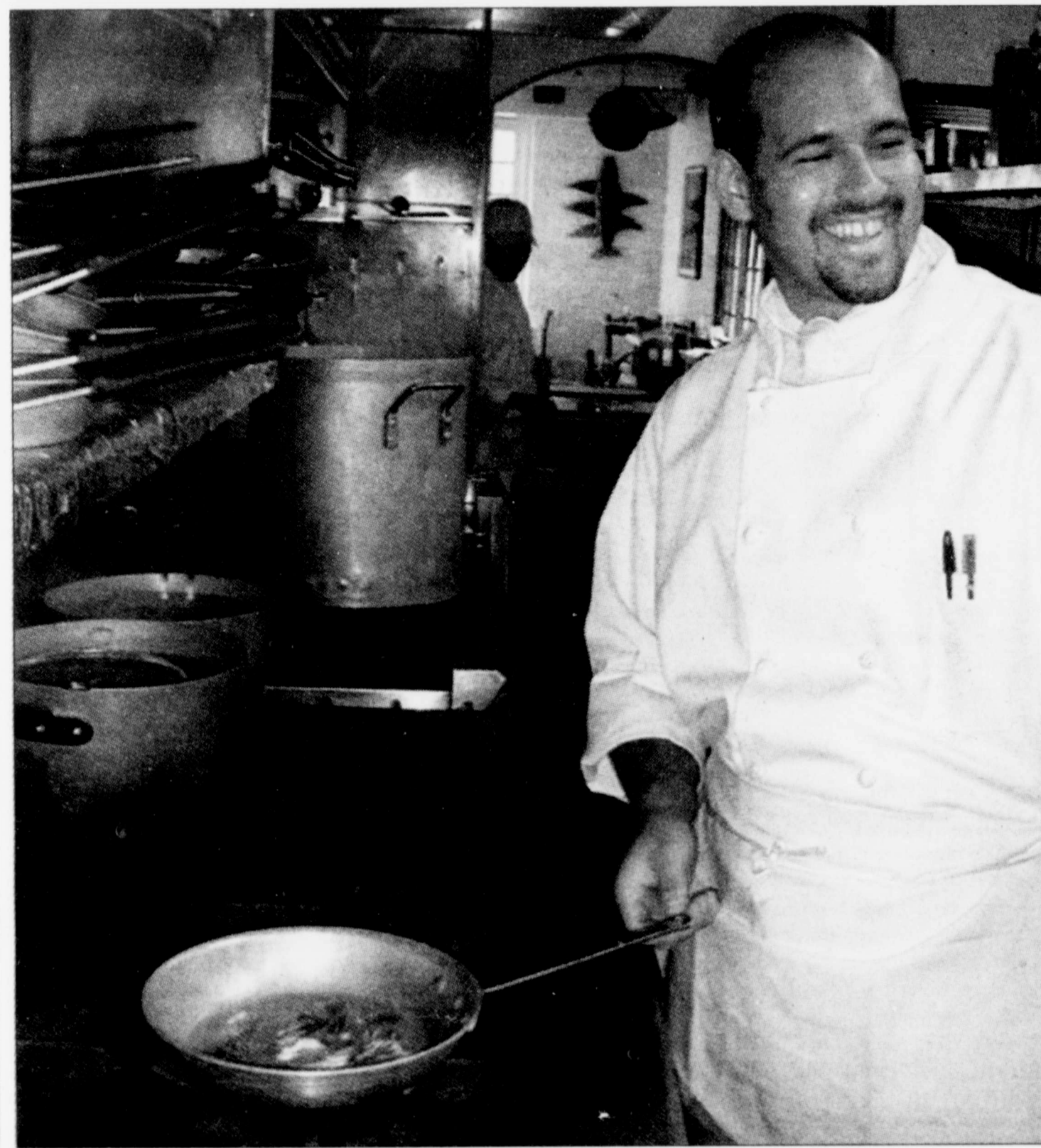
With the ghosts of Fishdaddy's not quite settled in, the new spirit of Grappolo took over the downtown locale with an innovative approach to Italian food.

Nestled above the creek in San Luis Obispo, Grappolo opened its doors last Monday boasting an eclectic yet simple menu featuring an authentic Northern Italian cuisine. The classic Italian style of cooking is found in the food, however manager Ingrid Schurmann said nothing is overly saucy as some people might expect from an Italian restaurant.

Owners Leonardo Curti and Daniele Serra chose to open Grappolo, Italian for "grapes," in San Luis Obispo after four years of success in Santa Ynez with a similar restaurant of the same name. Schurmann said Curti, who works the back of the house in the kitchen, and Serra, who spends most of her time working with the extensive wine list, moved to the United States from Italy. Together they have created a casual yet elegant dining experience.

Pasta, salad, pizza and entrees tempt the palate with each item offering fresh and tantalizing ingredients such as extra virgin olive oil, basil, tomatoes, mozzarella, mushrooms and spinach. Combined with these contemporary Italian standards is the extraordinary use of light creamy sauces laced with white truffle oil — decadent, but not pretentious.

Amidst candlelight, an order of rollino veneto can be enjoyed with insalata primavera, or rolled pizza with smoked mozzarella and radicchio topped with tomatoes, garlic and basil and a fresh mixed green



CRYSTAL MEYERS/MUSTANG DAILY

Chef Patrick Guerra whips up sauce for a pasta dish at new Italian restaurant Grappolo, which recently opened in downtown San Luis Obispo. Grappolo is located at 1040 Broad St. (the former location of Fishdaddy's). It is open Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m.

salad with ground walnuts, tomatoes, goat cheese and balsamic vinaigrette. Other starters include zuppa di pesce, a variety of fresh

seafood in a light tomato broth, and carpaccio di bue, raw beef with arugula, capers, parmesan and lemon.

Schurmann stressed that the owners use only the freshest ingredients to create their flavorful pastas and entrees. Pennette con funghi e salsic-

cia, or penne with mushrooms and sausage, is light in its creamy tomato sauce, however rich in taste. Sardi con broccoli e scampi, ear-shaped pasta cooked al dente, tender shrimp, broccoli, garlic and a dash of cream, was a pleasant combination of flavors paired with a simple presentation.

In addition to pasta, salads and appetizers, Grappolo offers a wide variety of pizzas to choose from. Out of a wood-burning stove showcased in the open design of the kitchen, patrons enjoy pizza topped with eggplant, artichoke, mushrooms, sausage, arugula and other traditional Italian fare.

Grappolo's main dining room is a bustling environment filled with bow-tied waiters and a front-row view to the kitchen, allowing spectators to watch chefs toss together salads or roll out pizza dough. Take a step out onto the patio that sits above the flowing creek and enjoy a quieter, more romantic ambiance. Descend down a flight of stairs just off the dining room and find a glowing lounge of sorts, a place to enjoy a glass of wine from the ample list. Eventually, the downstairs will offer a full bar.

Schurmann said that although Grappolo has only been open about a week, already people have waited to try out the intriguing selection of Italian delights. She said that the restaurant is the perfect place for a date or a large dinner party, and with a fair price range, anyone can enjoy a pizza and a salad or appetizers and a glass of wine for less than expected.

Grappolo is open Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Located at 1040 Broad St., Grappolo encapsulates more than just a bunch of grapes — it embodies great food with Italian spirit.

E-Coli outbreak plagues U Penn dorms

By Alex Lapinski

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — Officials for the Health Department's Division of Disease Control confirmed Thursday that 13 University of Pennsylvania students have been diagnosed with the E. Coli bacteria.

Disease Control officials linked the outbreak to food prepared by a private caterer for a barbeque outside W.E.B. DuBois College House on Sept. 9. An official also said that the bacteria was not related to Campus Dining Services.

Evelyn Wiener, director of Student Health Services, said that she was first notified of students' having symptoms of the bacteria last Saturday and that she sent an e-mail to DuBois residents notifying them of the outbreak the next day.

In the letter, she said the outbreak had been traced to a cookout hosted

by Zeta Phi Beta, the Black Student League and UMOJA.

She also advised students with intestinal symptoms to seek immediate medical attention.

Rebecca Harmon, spokeswoman for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, said several infected students have visited area hospitals so far.

"According to our lab results, we have four culture-confirmed cases, with one person being admitted to HUP, one admitted to Presbyterian and two were outpatients," Harmon said. "A fifth case was admitted to HUP, but it's a presumed case only."

"Student Health has managed some other cases on an outpatient basis," she added, "but I can't confirm that number. To our knowledge no one has evidenced any serious complications."

Wiener said that all four cases admitted have since been discharged.

The Department of Public Health and the Department of Infection

Control at HUP have been consulting Student Health Services over the past week as to the cause and extent of the outbreak.

DuBois House Dean Patricia Williams could not be reached for comment last night.

Additionally, students were advised by Disease Control officials not to treat their symptoms with antibiotics or over-the-counter medicines for stomach discomfort.

Wiener also said that though no new cases were likely to surface from the initial barbeque, students with any leftovers from the event should dispose of them. Also, she warned that students use good hygiene as E. Coli can be spread through secondary contact.

E. Coli, a bacteria that produces toxins in the intestines that trigger symptoms like bloody diarrhea and severe nausea, is generally spread through under-cooked ground beef.

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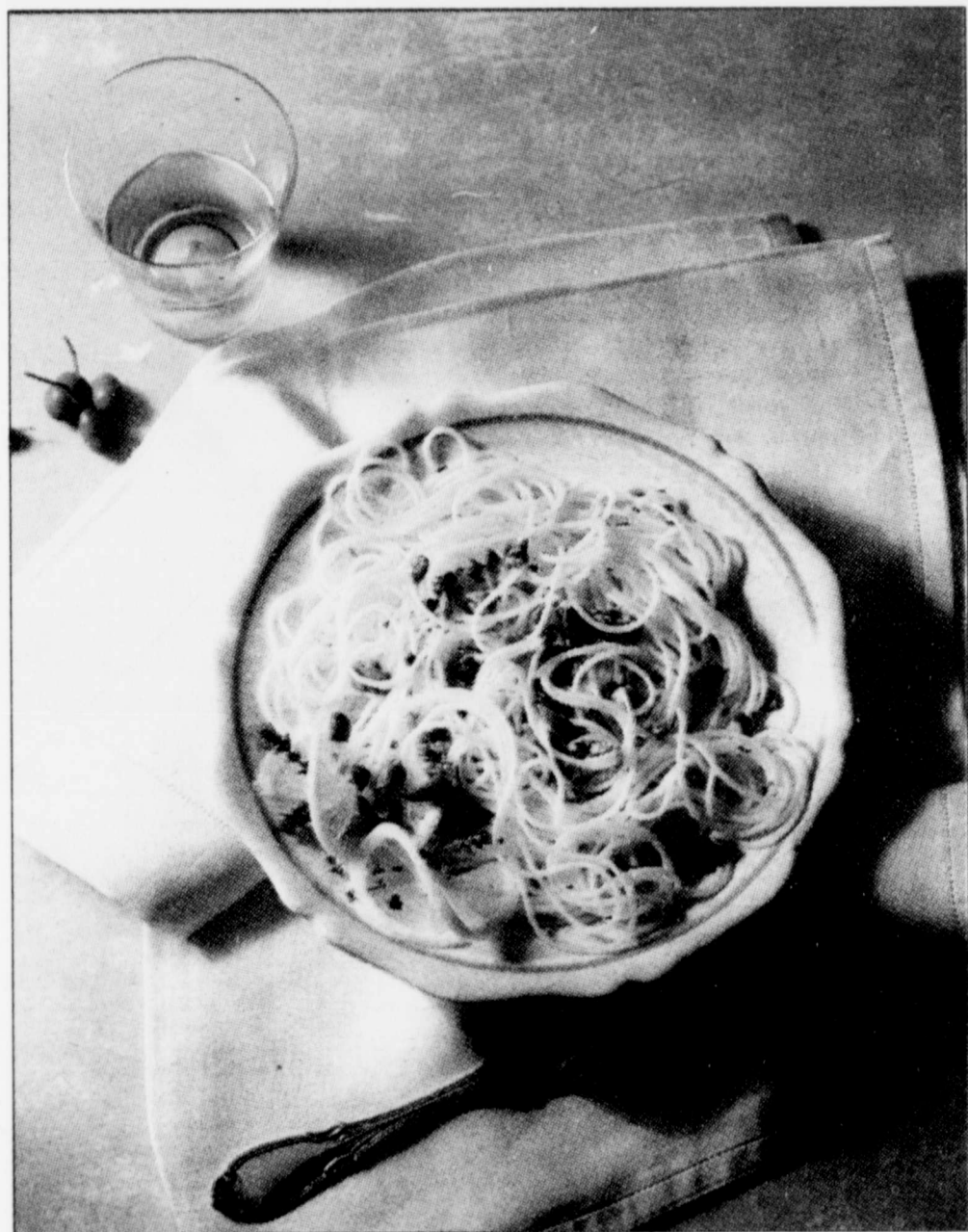


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Spaghetтини with Artichokes, Mint and Garlic: *Spaghetтини con Carciofi, Menta E Aglio*

20 baby artichokes
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
12 cloves garlic, peeled
6 ounces Frascati or other dry white wine
1 tablespoon red chile flakes
1/2 cup mint leaves
1 pound dry spaghetтини

Peel and trim the artichokes, leaving the stems intact. Place in acidulated water (water that has lemon juice added).

Place the olive oil and garlic cloves in a 12- to 14-inch pan and place over medium high heat. Cook until the garlic is light golden brown. Drain the artichokes and place in a pan with the garlic and cook until tender (occasionally spritzing with wine, when necessary, to slow the cooking), about 10 minutes. Add the chile flakes and mint, stir through, season with salt and pepper and set aside.

Bring 6 quarts of water to a boil and add 2 tablespoons salt. Cook the spaghetтини according to the package directions, until tender yet al dente. Drain the spaghetтини and toss into the pan with the artichokes. Toss all over high heat 1 minute, then divide evenly among four warmed pasta bowls and serve immediately.

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a position where (we would say), 'What would we do?'"

While the police department is taking care of things close to home, there is another group of people working with international student concerns. The International Education and Programs office sends approximately 500 students each year to a foreign country or another school in the United States. The program has no exchange centers in the Middle East (unless India is considered), so there are few fears of immediate danger.

"The only concerns really are from students in New York," said Monica Schechter, Study Abroad associate director. "Students feel safe in Spain (and other countries)."

Though they feel safe, precautions are still being taken. In a memo,

Director Leo Van Cleve of the CSU International Programs Information Center listed some measures taken abroad. He wrote that signs identifying buildings as U.S. institutions have been taken down, and that recommendations are in place for students to "avoid places that may be frequented by U.S. military personnel."

No matter their location or involvement, many people have been affected by this tragedy in ways that cannot be measured. Some may be able to stay objective, but others carry around the load of the events and need to talk to someone to feel better about it. Counseling Services, in the Health Center, is available for staff and students who would like to speak to someone about the tragedies, or other stressors in their lives.

"(When students get) more distracted, not sleeping or eating well, feel down, anxious, (it's) time to come in before symptoms get really

bad," said Dr. Teresa George, head of Counseling Services. "Everybody's different in ways that they react to events in world. (Counseling Services) is a great way to deal with life's stressors."

George also said she was expecting a somewhat delayed reaction from students to the tragedies, and that more will probably feel the effects after they get settled into a routine and the excitement dies down.

Something also causing anxiety is the possibility of attacks or violence against students of Muslim faith or Arab descent on Cal Poly's campus. None have been reported yet, but University Police Chief Tony Aeilts said that the university is taking a firm stance against these sorts of attacks.

"(These) are a priority issue," Aeilts said. "We will put the resources, time and attention into it that it needs to have. Anybody that might entertain that idea (of violence) should know all agencies would be interested in investigating and prosecuting."

Barbara Andre, associate director of International Education and Programs, feels that the climate of Cal Poly is one where violence wouldn't be accepted, due to the level of maturity in the student body.

Monica Schechter shared Andre's sentiments.

"The Study Abroad program adds to cross-cultural understanding," Schechter said. "It's the isolation that leads to (problems)."

A University Police-issued memo listed some safety tips for those concerned with violence, reiterating some basic information. The memo asserted that students should be aware of their surroundings, not respond to verbal attacks, lock doors and consider getting a cell phone. These tips are not specific to students experiencing racial violence, but rather help all avoid problem situations.

While campus organizations are responding well to the terrorist attacks and student needs, there are also ways for students to get involved on campus through sponsored events. Through International Education and Programs, there will be various fairs offered during fall quarter, including the Study Abroad Fair on Oct. 4, which will give students a chance to learn about other cultures. Counseling Services is holding a stress-management workshop starting Oct. 9. Also, the Cal Poly Web page is a resource students can check for information, updates and helpful reading suggestions.

All these elements are coming together to help the campus community, while students and staff assist each other in this time of sadness, reflection and reparation.

"As a community, we celebrate together and occasionally we grieve together," Zingg said. "This is one of those occasions when grieving and reflecting are the appropriate (action)."

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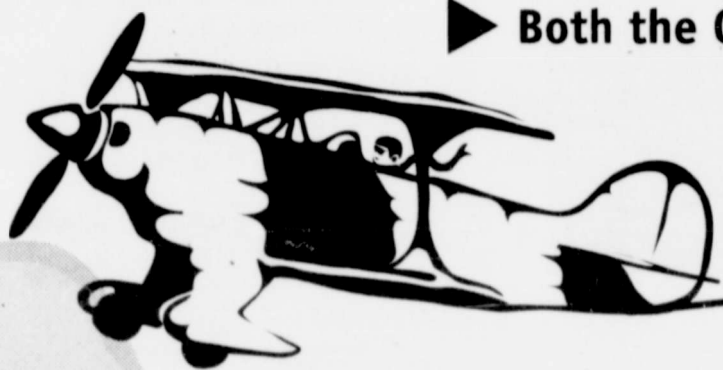
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NEGOTIATION UPDATE:

- ▶ The Chancellor's Office received an 8.5% legislative budget increase, but has offered the California State Employees Association (CSEA) a merit salary increase of less than 2%!
- ▶ The Chancellor also refused the CFA proposed increase in compensation of 5.7%.
- ▶ Both the CSEA and CFA feel this is unfair and need your support!



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If the Chancellor has his way, it will have a negative effect on Cal Poly:

- Recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff is more difficult due to the heavy workload for faculty and low wages for staff. Other critical problems not faced at most other campuses in the CSU system include a health care crisis, unaffordable housing, and poor working conditions.
- Because of this, some existing employees may choose to relocate elsewhere.
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How Can Students Help?

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Colleges set up scholarship funds for victims of attacks

By Nathaniel Hoopes
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN

PRINCETON, N.J. — In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, thousands of citizens have donated their time, assistance and pints of blood to show support for America. Now, in response to the tragedy, the nation's colleges and universities are using their resources to join the campaign.

Last week, Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers announced that Harvard would donate \$1 million to a general scholarship fund that will serve the victims of the attacks.

Students will be able to use this financial aid at any college or university in the nation.

Though all the details of the project have not been finalized, according to a Harvard press release the donation will work in conjunction with donations from institutions around the country.

In a letter posted last Wednesday on Harvard's Web site, Summers explained, "We are working with colleagues in the field of higher education to identify the most effective way to organize a scholarship fund to meet educational needs."

Princeton University has yet to announce a plan comparable to that of Harvard, Princeton spokeswoman Marilyn Marks said in an e-mail yesterday.

"Members of the university community are thinking about how Princeton can respond," she said.

"The question remains open, and all suggestions are welcomed."

"Now would be a great time to make a powerful gesture, while the motivation to assist the victims and their families is still strong on campus."

Peter Hegseth
Princeton student

Harvard is not the only school that has taken action.

Rutgers University is planning to create a scholarship to help victims of the attack attend the school.

Marks said that a plan like the one at Rutgers would be unnecessary at Princeton, pointing out that last year's financial aid plan will give any student the grants he or she needs to attend the University.

Admitted students under additional financial strain because of the loss of a family member in the attack would certainly be considered for aid, Marks added.

Some students said yesterday that the university should act sooner rather than later.

"Now would be a great time to make a powerful gesture, while the motivation to assist the victims and their families is still strong on campus," student Peter Hegseth said.

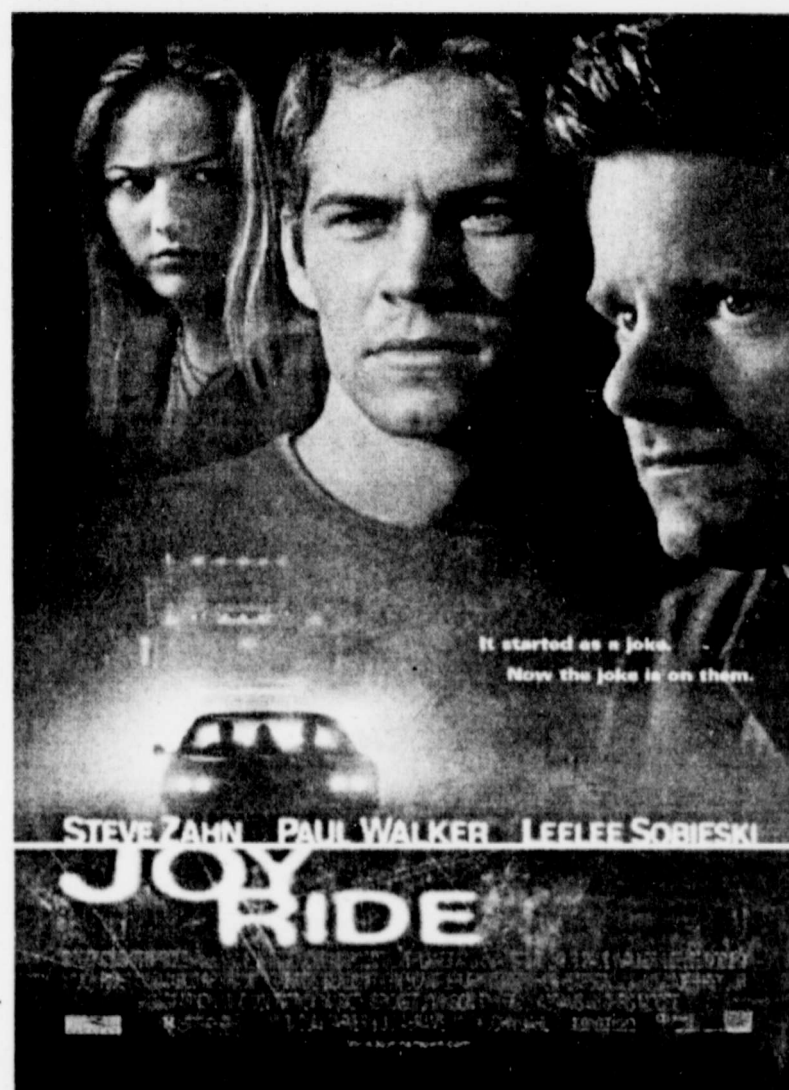
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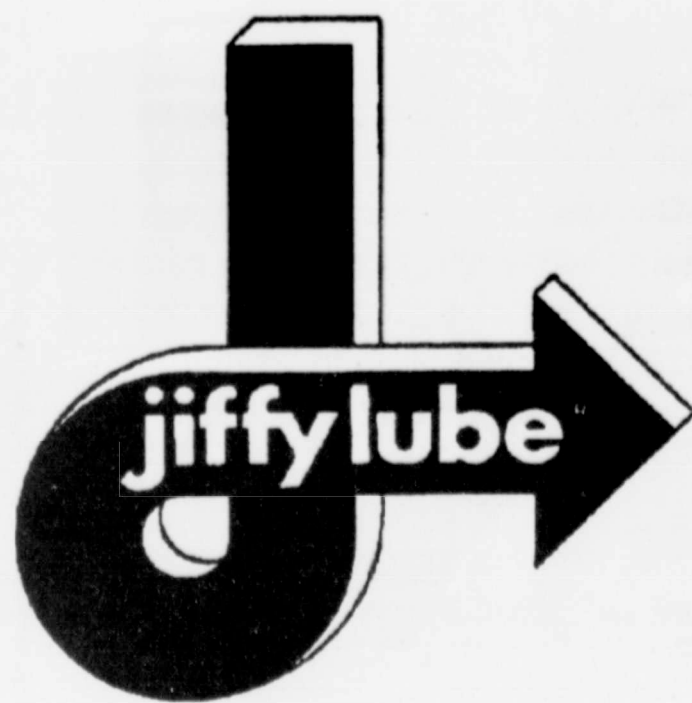
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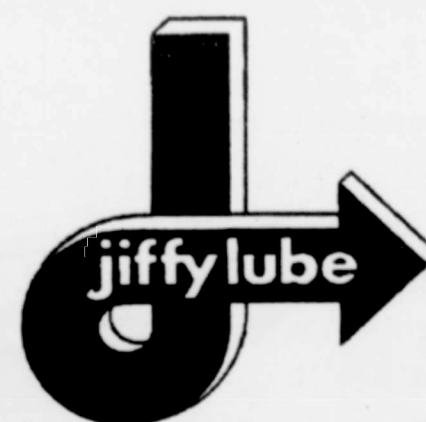
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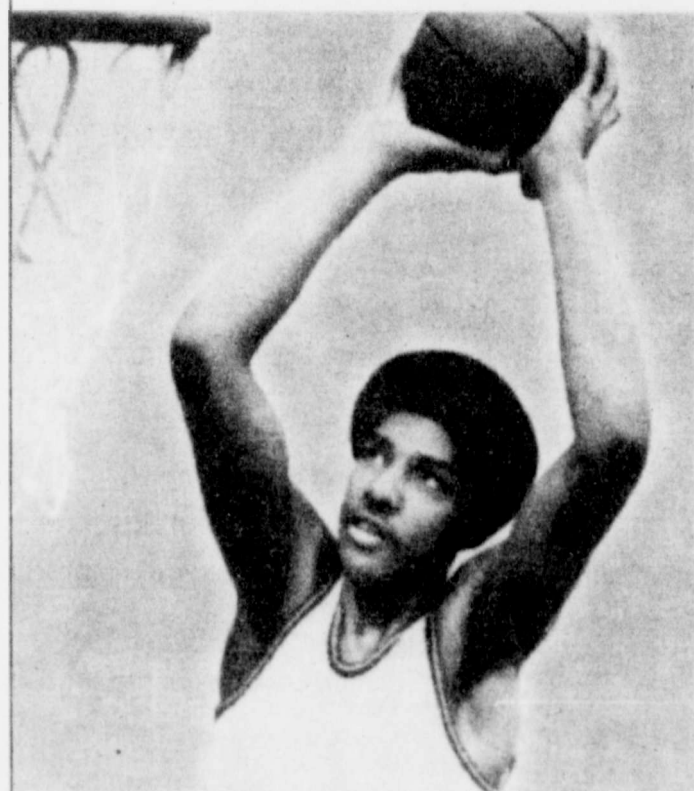
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done at Cal Poly. He said the question is no longer "am I safe?" but "what is my role in making sure we are all safe?" Woodard challenged the audience to engage in intellectual dialogue with others who have opposing views to "read outside your area."

To help people grieving over the terrorist attacks, psychologist Joe Diaz educated the audience on grief, shock and denial. He listed the five stages of grief — denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. For people to get over such an event, Diaz recommended thinking positively and limiting exposure to media.

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was in between, he said.

"I think that middle group leaned toward staying on a quarter campus, and President Baker at that point accepted that input and said, 'We're not going to change,'" Zingg said.

Zingg stressed the importance of involving everyone in reaching an outcome.

"What we're trying to do is to provide our response to the chancellor that reflects a careful analysis of what we as a campus think are the benefits, the advantages of one system over another," Zingg said. "We want to know what the student's views are on this just as we want to know what the faculty and staff views are."

Long said Baker thought it was essential having everyone involved in the final decision.

"He did not want to make a unilateral decision without consulting faculty," she said.

Similar to their beliefs in 1993, the majority of students wish to maintain the quarter calendar, Zingg said.

The principal question that has been asked of the academic department is, "Does the calendar affect the quality of education and institutional identity and distinction?" Zingg said.

He said it is important to analyze the merits of both systems and determine what is best for Cal Poly.

"Whatever Cal Poly's response will be, it will be very documented and very sound," Zingg said.

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The second-ranked Long Beach State 49ers defeated the women's volleyball team 3-0



Saturday. Scores were 30-21, 30-21 and 30-11. Molly Duncan had eight kills and five digs to lead Poly, which hit just .073 as a team compared to .391 for the 49ers. Cal Poly (8-2 overall, 2-1 Big West) plays at Idaho on Thursday and Utah State on Saturday.

Soccer edges Montana

Annette Croteau scored in the 70th minute to lift Cal Poly to a 1-0 victory over Montana in a non-conference women's soccer match Sunday afternoon in Mustang Stadium.

Croteau dribbled 15 yards to the right corner of the goalkeeper's box and booted the ball 20 yards into the net for the game's lone goal. It was the first goal of the season for the sophomore defender and fourth of her career at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly scored just one goal despite outshooting Montana 27-3.

The way they were playing, packing it in the middle, unless you open it up you will have a tough time scoring," said Mustang head coach Alex Crozier. "We finally started to do that in the second half."

Cal Poly goalkeeper Greta Shirdon recorded two saves en route to her first shutout of the season and second of her career.

Cal Poly improved to 3-4. The Mustangs have won three of their last four matches after an 0-3 start.

"Our record was horrible before the weekend, but I still thought we were in a good position," said Crozier, whose team beat Boise State 3-1 on Friday. "We've been trying to find combinations that work and players who play well together. We're starting to work together now."

To find the right combinations Sunday, Crozier made 14 substitutions.

"We were playing well, but the players were getting tired and they played a physical game Friday," said Crozier. "So I brought in some fresh bodies to try to keep the pressure up."

Montana, a 3-2 winner over Boise State on Saturday in Mustang Stadium, fell to 3-2.

Cal Poly will compete in a tournament at Las Vegas this weekend, facing UNLV on Friday night and Northern Arizona on Sunday afternoon.

Golf takes 6th place

The Cal Poly women's golf team finished the SoCal Intercollegiate in sixth place as freshman Rebecca Norris shot a final round, 6-over-par-78, to finish tied for 23rd. Norris had a two-day total of 165 for the tournament. Freshman Veronica Ojeda was one shot back with a 166 and a 25th place finish.

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Adjusting to life after Osgood



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Kassim Osgood hauls in a pass last year against Hofstra. He leaves with the Cal Poly single season receiving yardage record.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

It's business as usual for the Cal Poly football team.

Two weeks after losing all-American receiver Kassim Osgood to San Diego State, the Mustangs have put the distraction rearview and are focused on the task at hand — Western Washington.

Cal Poly has played just one game since Osgood's in-season transfer, but proved it could win without its most lethal weapon, beating up on Montana State, 34-6, on Saturday.

"We've been having some good practices," head coach Rich Ellerson said last week. "We're starting to go about our business again like we do every day."

The 6-foot-6, 210-pound Osgood led Division I-AA with 1,377 yards a year ago.

Through the Mustangs' first two games, he led the team with 11 catches and three touchdowns.

"It's always a shock when you lose someone in any situation," said Ellerson, who had no fur-

ther comment on Osgood's departure.

Offensive coordinator Gene McKeehan insisted there won't be any changes to the option offense.

"We won't change a lick," said offensive coordinator Gene McKeehan. "We just do what (the defense) lets us do."

Receiver Ryan McCarty, a 6-3, 200-pound junior, returned to the gridiron last week after missing the first two games with a leg injury. As a sophomore, McCarty caught 31 passes for 484 yards. He caught one pass for nine yards in Bozeman, Mont.

Freshman Jason Holmes, who hasn't suited up for the team's first two games, has also been seeing time at wideout after recovering from a minor shoulder injury.

"It's nice to get those bumps and bruises healthy," said Ellerson, whose team had its Sept. 15 game at St. Mary's postponed in the wake of the terrorist attacks. "You never want it to happen under these circumstances, but it does give us a chance to heal."

Last week, quarterback Seth Burford wasted

no time returning to the air. The senior completed only six of 19 passes, but the completions were good for 221 yards.

"We still got the whole receiving corps coming back," said Herzing, who led Division I-AA receivers with 243 yards coming in last week. "Larry Young is playing well for us right now. We've got a lot of depth."

Herzing (6-3, 195) had a career night against Sacramento State Sept. 8, catching six balls for 216 yards in the 55-21 romp.

Young, a 5-10, 175-pound senior who made just one reception a year ago, has six receptions for 53 yards.

"We have plenty of other guys who can get the job done and we're definitely not bare at that position," McKeehan said. "Adam Herzing proved that (against Sacramento). Someone always steps up big in football and there will be another Mustang who will come forward."

The Mustangs (2-1) play host to Western Washington (2-2) Saturday at 6 p.m.

Mustang football routs Montana St. 34-6

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The Cal Poly football team felt right at home last Saturday in Big Sky country.

With temperatures in the low 70s, mirroring the sunny skies back home, the Mustangs appeared comfortable in their new triple-option offense, not to mention the new flex defense that at times looked like Rich Ellerson's "Desert Swarm" of old.

That swarming defense gave the Mustangs their first score of the game and held Montana State to 215 yards of total offense as Cal Poly cruised to a 34-6 victory in front of 10,127 at Bobcat Stadium.

The win puts the Mustangs (2-1) above .500 for the first time since 1997.

"I'm just happy to have a winning record," said senior offensive lineman Matt Merritt. "A 2-1 record isn't much, but it's the first time we've had a winning record since I've been here."

In their back-to-back wins, the Mustangs have outscored their opponents 90-35.

"We're playing really good defense right now,"

said junior defensive back Vaughn Jarrett. "I give Montana State a lot of credit because they played hard, but we just always find a play to get (the defense) off the field."

Jarrett got the Mustang defense off the field in a hurry on the Bobcats' first possession. The junior, who got beat on a 46-yard reception by Junior Adams on the Bobcats' third play from scrimmage, picked off quarterback Tyler Thomas' next attempt and returned the interception 79 yards for the score. Jarrett, who had two interceptions against Montana State two years ago, added two more Saturday, including a diving interception on the Bobcats' third possession.

"The defense did a nice job getting us good field position every time," quarterback Seth Burford said. "We should have punched it in a little more for them."

Burford, making his third start in Bobcat Stadium, ran for a pair of one-yard touchdowns and threw for a third as the Mustangs sped to a 24-0 lead by halftime.

The senior threw for 221 yards on 6-of-19 passing without turning over the ball for the second straight game. Burford also led the Mustangs'

ground attack, scrambling for 54 yards on 15 carries. He has accounted for 12 of the Mustangs' 13 touchdowns this season, while Mustang running backs have yet to score a rushing touchdown.

"There's no question they made it difficult for us to run the football," said Cal Poly coach Rich Ellerson.

The Mustangs were held to 150 yards on the ground.

"We wanted to run the ball more and get Ryan Bianchi and the guys some yards, but when they do a lot of stunts up front it leaves our (receivers) open on the outside," Merritt said. "We take advantage of the whole field."

The Bobcats, however, never got going offensively, mustering just 25 yards rushing.

"Our D-line started things off with a good rush and kept them on their back feet for most of the game," Jarrett said.

The secondary held the Bobcats to 190 yards receiving, while the line bottled up the Bobcats' running game. Montana State running back Ryan Johnson, coming off the second-best rushing day in the program's history, was limited to 79 yards on 25 carries.